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Reaction in N. Y. to Harvard's Proposed Study on Smoking and Health.

On Friday, January 19, Mr. Goldsmith called about Meselson's statement that there was to be a study by the Harvard School of Public Health on Smoking and Health. Mr. Goldsmith thought it might be a good idea to invite Meselson to hear "our side of the story" with no attempt to "brainwash" the guy.

Mr. Goldsmith couldn't make up his mind whether he should call Meselson or whether I should. In any event Mr. Goldsmith wanted to consult Mr. J. Bowling before doing anything.

On Wednesday Mr. Alex Holtzman called about the same subject. I did not have any details to give him on how big the study group is to be or when it was to meet or what the charge was to the study group or when it was asked to complete its study.

Both Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Holtzman thought it was appropriate to offer our library facilities to Prof. Meselson.

It would be useful to know what action, if any, New York takes or what action they think is appropriate for us to take in this situation.

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